

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1, 11-12, and 19-35 are pending in the application. Claims 2-10 and 13-18 are canceled herein, and claims 19-35 are newly added. No new matter is added.

The applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to state whether the drawings are acceptable.

The Office action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Sakumoto (USP 6,563,483). The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 claims a method of scanning lines in a display, that includes repeated selecting and scanning of lines in each of a first area and second area of a display.

Sakumoto teaches a random selection of lines for scanning, and does not teach repeated selecting and scanning lines from two different areas of the display. The applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Sakumoto.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, the following comments are offered regarding each of the other independent claims of this application in view of Sakumoto.

With regard to claim 11, Sakumoto does not teach alternately selecting lower and higher order lines relative to selected lines of two sets of lines.

With regard to claim 25, Sakumoto does not teach scanning lines in a given direction from each prior selected line.

With regard to claim 27, Sakumoto does not teach scanning a set of contiguous lines that are located between two scanned sets of contiguous lines.

With regard to claim 29, Sakumoto does not teach a control unit that is configured to select a scanning sequence based on the data content being displayed.

With regard to claim 32, Sakumoto does not teach repeated selecting and scanning of lines in each of first and second areas of a display.

With regard to claim 33, Sakumoto does not teach a control unit that is configured to control a plurality of backlight devices.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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